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TEXTILES
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PRODUCTION OF HOSIERY PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of hosiery products in the country especially in tribal and SCs/STs dominated areas during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and product-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase their production ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) Such data is not maintained centrally.

(b) Government have been taking several steps from time to time to increasing production of textile items, including including hosiery products in the country. Some of the important initiatives are as under:-

1) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUF) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and Upgradation of this sector.

2) Zero Duty import of certain categories of trimmings & embellishments.

3) Government has recently launched Technology Mission for Cotton. One of the important ingredients of the Mission is to improve cotton processing facilities by upgrading/modernising the existing ginning and pressing factories.

4) Allowing foreign equity participation upto 100%, through automatic route, in the textile sector with certain exceptions.

5) To prepare and sensitise our textile and garment industry to conform to the ecological requirements of importing countries by providing facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories.

6) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.

7) The New Exporters` Entitlement (Quota) Policies announced for the period 2000-2004 to provide stability and continuity and encourage competitiveness in textile exports.

8) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of ready-made garment from the SSI sector.

9) The new Textile Policy has recently been announced to provide the policy direction for orderly and sustained development and growth of the textile industry in a harmonious way and to give a thrust to textile exports.